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- REMARKS/ARGUMENTS -

Claims 1, 3, 5 to 7 and 9 to 13 remain in the application.

Claims 1, 3 to 7 and 9 to 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, because the limitation "corners being formed solely by one...column and two...profiles" is unclear.

The word "solely" has now been removed from Claim 1.

Claims 1, 3 to 7, 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Mattick in view of Shelton and Marschak.

Reconsideration is expected on the following grounds.

Applicant's corner configuration is very different from the prior art, including Mattick.

The Examiner will readily appreciate from a comparison of Figure 3 of Mattick and Figure 5 of Applicant's application that the corner connections of Mattick is substantially different from the one provided by Applicant's present invention.

Indeed, according to Mattick, the leg L is located outwardly of the side members S and none of the side members S extends over both sides of the corner. The curve connector 16 of the side members S only extend on one side of the corner. Mattick's corner configurations provides for a less sturdy construction.

It is also respectfully submitted that Mattick's side members S clearly lacks Applicant's claimed side members cross-sectional configuration (see Mattick Figure 2, flanges 11 and 13, which are perpendicular to one another).

The remaining cited references do not cure the above mentioned deficiencies of the primary reference.

In view of the foregoing, amended Claim 1 is clearly patentable over the cited references.

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Should there be any questions concerning this Amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this Application can be expedited.

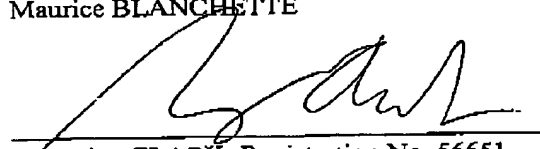
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